

Before leaving Abingdon she was presented with the following address from the congregation and Sabbath school :

"DEAR MISS ROBERTSON :

"As you are now about to leave us, it is only fitting before this step is taken, that we express to you our gratitude for your generous labors in our Sabbath school during the recent years, and also for the countenance and material support you have at the same time given our congregation.

"Your departure is to us a matter of deep regret, but we are comforted in knowing that the light you have made to shine in our midst shall henceforth lighten other fellow-pilgrims on the way that leads to heaven, and that the instruction you have so freely imparted shall do much to help many of us to clamber up the stepping stones that lead to that "fair city." We follow you with our prayers in the earnest hope that as the years roll on your abundant labors may increase, and that if not in this life we shall greet you welcome on the eternal shore in presence of a joyful company, whom you shall have assisted on their toilsome journey to that peaceful land.

"Abingdon, 27th December, 1882."

These addresses speak for themselves, and with all the more power when we remember that she went into the midst of these people an entire stranger, and only nineteen years of age ; as she often expressed, "comparatively a child," and as stated by Mr. Harris, all the circumstances were unfavorable as far as the condition and standing of the school, of which she took charge, was concerned, both intellectually and morally. Yet she overcame all these difficulties, made her way in a mixed community, with young and old alike, and long before the close of her four years' service in their midst had come to be a recognized "moral power" in the community at large. She achieved this highest of all success not by reason of superior mental endowments, although she was more than commonly endowed, but from a deep sense of the nobility of her calling, a tender love to and sympathy for those committed to her trust, seeing them in the light of days to come, and in the light of the eternity beyond, and under an ever-present consciousness that all needed strength for duty, and all true success, must come from God alone.

The following is an extract from a letter to her sister from Glasgow, during her visit to Scotland. It bears date August 16th, 1886, and reads :